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SUBJECT: MGCI01: CHILE EARTHQUAKE SITUATION REPORT NO. 2

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PRESIDENT OBAMA OFFERS CONDOLENCES, ASSISTANCE

¶1. (U) President Obama expressed condolences to President Bachelet, commended the Government of Chile's disaster response, and stated the United States stands ready to assist with rescue and recovery efforts. (Reuters)

¶2. (SBU) Ambassador Simons spoke to Chilean Foreign Minister Fernandez and offered three disaster response teams - one from SOUTHCOM and two from USAID/OFDA. The Ambassador also offered a SOUTHCOM medical team and short-term financial assistance, including \$50,000 from the Ambassador's disaster assistance funds and \$100,000 from SOUTHCOM. The Government of Chile is still assessing the situation and will advise. (Ops/Embassy Santiago e-mail)

DEATH TOLL CONTINUES TO RISE, CHILE ASSESSING SITUATION

¶3. (SBU) There are 214 confirmed fatalities with more expected. The death toll is expected to be in the hundreds. (AP, Ops/Embassy Santiago telcon)

¶4. (SBU) There are no reports of AmCit deaths; two AmCits sustained minor injuries. Post reports 5,000 registered

American citizens in Santiago and 500 in the vicinity of Concepcion. (Ops/Embassy Santiago telcon)

¶15. (SBU) All but one official American has been accounted for. The Air Force employee is believed to be out of the country. (Ops/Embassy Santiago telcon)

¶16. (SBU) The airport in Santiago is closed due to significant damage to the terminal. There is no damage to the runway, and a decision on when to reopen is expected February 28. (Ops/Embassy Santiago telcon)

¶17. (SBU) The airport in Concepcion is closed for commercial flights, but is supporting military operations. (Ops/Embassy Santiago telcon)

¶18. (SBU) Cellular and landline phone service continues to be intermittent. Internet and e-mail services are working. (Ops/Embassy Santiago telcon)

SOUTHCOM PROVIDES IMAGERY ASSISTANCE

¶19. (SBU) SOUTHCOM supplied requested imagery of earthquake-impacted areas to the Chilean government. (Ops/Embassy Santiago telcon)

USAID OFFERING COMMUNICATION ASSISTANCE

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¶10. (SBU) At the Chilean government's request, USAID is loaning Chile six to eight satellite phones with an initial two weeks of service. USAID is working with Chile to coordinate delivery. (Ops/Embassy Santiago telcon)

EMBASSY STRUCTURALLY SOUND, BUT FLOODING AFFECTS COMMO

¶11. (SBU) There is no structural damage to the Embassy, but flooding from chillers on the roof damaged communication, and cooling systems are not working. Department of State classified computer systems are offline. The Embassy is on minimize status for cable traffic. (Ops/Embassy Santiago telcon)

COUNTRY CLEARANCE REQUIRED

¶12. (SBU) Post reminds all U.S. government officials to obtain country clearance through normal procedures before traveling to Chile. (Ops/Embassy Santiago telcon)

TSUNAMIS SPREAD THROUGHOUT THE PACIFIC BASIN

¶13. (U) Modest tsunamis continue to make landfall. The Pacific Tsunami Warning Center canceled the tsunami alert for Hawaii. (Reuters, AP)

CHILEAN ATHLETES DEPART OLYMPICS EARLY

¶14. (U) According to press reports, three Chilean athletes and team coaches are leaving the Olympics early to return home to their families. (washingtonpost.com)

¶15. (U) Additional updates are available through our Intellipedia portal on the unclassified system at: https://www.intelink.gov/wiki/Portal:State_Op_s_-_Chile_Earthquake_2010.

¶16. (U) Minimize considered.
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